

offered by Ms. Miranda's administrators and colleagues who describe her as an asset and a blessing to Clovis Municipal Schools and to those whom she works with. In addition to being an experienced bilingual educator, Ms. Miranda also engages students by helping to organize the Mesa Science Fair and Spanish Spelling Bee. Her dedication and passion is the foundation for the academic and personal growth of her students both when she is their teacher and long after.

Ms. Miranda is a shining example of the passion and dedication that define our great state, and we are proud that she calls New Mexico home. I offer my congratulations to Ms. Miranda and thank her from the bottom of my heart for her contributions to the future of New Mexico—our youth.

REMEMBERING WALTER IGNATIUS WILLARD

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Walter Ignatius Willard.

Walter was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 14, 1957, the fifth child of twelve born to the late Elliot "Doc" Willard Sr. and Mary Jane Jordan Willard. He passed away peacefully on February 11, 2022, at the age of 64, after a well-fought battle with early-onset Alzheimer's disease. He is survived by the love of his life, Valerie "Missy" Sims; their three daughters, Jordan, Jillian, and Jenna; his eleven siblings; and many nephews, nieces, and friends.

A proud Purple Knight, Walter attended St. Augustine High School, and prior to graduating in 1975, played trumpet for St. Aug's renowned Marching 100. He not only was the trumpet section leader, but also was the first musician selected to play the band's newly introduced herald trumpet. He then earned a B.A. in political science in 1979 at Tulane University, where his ceaseless love of music led him to join the university's marching band. Walter then ventured to Washington, D.C., where he obtained his J.D. from the American University Washington College of Law in 1982. While in the nation's capital, Walter worked in the Capitol Hill offices of Louisiana Congressman Gillis Long, Senator Russell Long, and Senator J. Bennett Johnston.

Walter returned to New Orleans to start his law career, eventually earning a Master of Law degree in energy and environment from Tulane Law School in 1993. Over the course of his 30-year legal career, he was admitted to the bar for the states of Louisiana, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, and served as judge pro tempore for the Orleans Civil District Court. As Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice." A passionate advocate for justice, Walter spent his career leveraging his judgment and compassion in the pursuit of Dr. King's vision for authentic peace. One of his greatest endeavors in this regard was acting as one of the plaintiffs in the historic Supreme Court redistricting case *Chisom v. Edwards*, which set the stage for Louisiana's first African American Supreme Court justice.

Walter's remarkable life was characterized by unconditional love and support for family and friends, zealous engagement with community programs and initiatives to improve life for others, and an ardent devotion to God. A life-long parishioner at St. Raymond Catholic Church, he was an altar boy in his youth and became a member of the church's choir as an adult. Selflessly committed to the betterment of his community, Walter's civic involvements included acting as a voluntary attorney in child neglect cases for the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court CASA program, participating on the mayor's Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee as well as the Task Force on City-Owned Cemeteries, and serving as a member and chair of the New Orleans Historic District Landmarks Commission. Additionally, Walter was a 30-year member of the Sugar Bowl Committee and a nine-year board member of both the Young Leadership Council and Young Audiences of Louisiana organization.

A veritable Renaissance Man, one could easily find Walter in a courtroom arguing a case, at Tipitina's jamming out to the Soul Rebels, at the Riverbend coaching his daughters' soccer teams, at the Loyola gym picking up a game of basketball, in the kitchen making omelets, in the yard planting a garden, restoring an old car, or playing with the family's menagerie of pets. He was a wonder to all who knew and loved him, and he will be remembered fondly for his joyful spirit and relentless optimism, which served him well until God called him home. The loss and death of Walter bears witness to the divine and mysterious power of redemptive suffering. Through his heroic battle, Walter has helped shower numerous heavenly graces and blessings upon all of those he loved so deeply, and we are eternally grateful.

HONORING MICHAEL MEDART

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate my friend, Michael "Mike" Medart, of Medart Engine & Marine, on the conclusion of his tenure as Chairman of the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors (NAW), an association comprised of the distributors who keep America moving.

During Mike's leadership, NAW fought for and defended pro-business policies that boost our local economies. NAW, with its partners, also donated more than \$1 million in PPE and other supplies to help reopen America. NAW saw rapid growth in the industry and the association itself and was crucial in reopening America at a critical time.

The name Medart is familiar to Missourians in my district and our region, having been a mainstay in the community for more than 100 years. Mike is at the helm of a third generation of leadership, an incredible legacy of which he should be proud. The family-owned company prioritizes a "Golden Rule Service" commitment to their customers and employs more than a hundred workers, with many having been with the company for decades.

I congratulate Mike and thank him for his leadership nationally and at home in Missouri!

HONORING WGY NEWS RADIO ON THEIR ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate WGY News Radio on celebrating 100 years of informing and entertaining New Yorkers.

WGY was first established when General Electric received their Broadcasting License and was randomly assigned the now acclaimed letters WGY on February 4, 1922. WGY's first broadcast took place on February 20, 1922, 7:47 p.m. in Schenectady, New York. WGY employees were pioneers in the new wireless radio technology sector, which is evident in the station's incredible accomplishments. WGY was the first radio station in New York State and, in 1926, it became the first NBC affiliate station. Since then, the station has established itself as one of the premier sources of news and entertainment for the North Country while also providing a space for major historical moments.

While he was governor of New York, Franklin D. Roosevelt began broadcasting his now famous fireside chats on WGY. In 1923, WGY became the first radio station to solve a major criminal case, when Verner Alexanderson was returned home after being kidnapped due to the on-air efforts to make the public aware of his disappearance. WGY was the home of The Rush Limbaugh Show before its conclusion in 2021 and continues to broadcast many talk show programs, fulfilling its mission to enrich and connect New Yorkers.

WGY prides itself on being an exceptional source of public service and engagement, as evidenced by its numerous awards and achievements. In 2009, WGY won the Radio Television Digital News Association Edward R. Murrow Award for its exceptional reporting on the Capital Region ice storm. During the 2021 Awards for Excellence in Broadcasting, WGY won awards in categories including Outstanding Public Service Announcement and Campaign, Outstanding Interview, and Outstanding Use of Digital Platforms.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I congratulate WGY News Radio for 100 years of exemplary service to the people of New York State, including North Country families. The station's active engagement with the community and public service continues to inspire, connect, and enrich the lives of New Yorkers.

TRIBUTE TO SAM COHEN ON HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sam Cohen on the occasion of his 60th birthday for his distinguished service over the years. Sam serves as the Legal and Government Affairs Officer of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians located in my district, where he has supported the Tribe's leadership and members for more than

a decade and a half. In doing so, Sam has become an exemplar of civic engagement throughout the Central Coast and in Washington, DC.

Sam's path to becoming a leader in our community and throughout Indian country is as unique as they come.

After graduating from the University of Arizona and University of Minnesota Law School, Sam began his career in the world of international corporate and finance law. This work took him around the world, including a two-year stint in Tokyo, Japan. Sam briefly returned to the states to pursue his LLM degree in tax at NYU before once again venturing off the beaten path, this time to the U.S. Territory of Guam. While in Guam, Sam found his calling in more ways than one. First, he came to understand and appreciate the vital role that economic development plays in providing opportunity and equity to marginalized communities. His four years working to support companies investing in Guam struck a chord, as such Sam has gone on to spend the next 25 years working on behalf of many communities that have historically been passed over and overlooked in the economic opportunities afforded to many other Americans over the generations.

Sam also met his late wife, Trina, while in Guam. They were soon married, and together raised three children, Abraham, Keanu, and Rebekah, who are all now making their own way in the world.

Shortly after leaving Guam, Sam transitioned to serving as counsel to Tribal governments, working in the states of Washington and Louisiana before moving to the Golden State.

Sam's first role in California was to serve as General Counsel to the Tule River Tribe in Porterville. His efforts there, shortly after California voters authorized gaming for Native American tribes, were critical in setting the Tule River Tribe on a path to economic success.

In 2006 Sam moved to Santa Ynez in Santa Barbara County, to take a position as Legal Officer for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. His impact was felt immediately, and he has been a trusted advisor for tribal leaders and members ever since.

I first got to know Sam during my time serving as a Supervisor in Santa Barbara County. Like many Tribal nations in California, the Chumash tribe had very little land over which to assert its sovereignty, provide a sense of community for its members, and grow as a nation. Sam's personal interactions with Supervisors, staff and other stakeholders on fee to trust issues earned him a reputation as an honest broker which led to a number of successful and important Tribal initiatives.

My relationship with Sam and the Chumash Tribe deepened after I made the transition to Congress. Sam took time to educate my staff and I on the significance of the federal government's trust responsibilities to Tribes and imprinted on me the importance of Congress fulfilling its constitutional obligation to engage with Tribes on a government to government basis. Due in part to this education, I now am a proud member of the Native American Caucus.

Sam's prolific efforts on behalf of the Chumash Tribe have not only been an asset to me as a Representative, but also to the entire Central Coast region. Sam is tireless, and

his expertise seems to touch upon virtually every topic. He serves as a member of the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Committee and on a subcommittee of the Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee, providing recommendations to the IRS on ways that it can better implement its laws and regulations to support Tribes, nonprofits, and all Americans. He is the President of the Santa Ynez Chamber of Commerce, President of the Econ Alliance for Northern Santa Barbara County, and serves on boards of the local community services district for wastewater and the regional transportation agency. He is currently guiding the Tribe's engagement with NOAA's consideration of a new Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary, and just this month Sam was named to an advisory committee of the Federal Communication Commission.

Most importantly, Sam is an absolute joy to be around. It is always a pleasure to run in to Sam and his partner, Trea, at community events throughout the district, and when they visit Trea's daughter, Bria, here in Washington, DC. On this momentous occasion, I want to wish Sam a happy birthday and recognize his exceptional work over the years and his many efforts to support the Santa Ynez Chumash Tribe and the citizens of California's 24th Congressional District.

HONORING GEOCONDA ARGÜELLO-KLINE AS SHE RETIRES

HON. STEVEN HORSFORD

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Geoconda Argüello-Kline, as she retires from the Culinary Workers Union Local 226. Mrs. Argüello-Kline leaves a positive impact on the lives of thousands of workers in Nevada.

Mrs. Argüello-Kline's story begins in Managua, Nicaragua, where she was born and raised. In 1979, Mrs. Argüello-Kline was admitted to the United States as a political refugee. Since 1983, she calls Nevada her home. Picketing, negotiating, and asking for safe working conditions were some of the reasons Mrs. Argüello-Kline was relentless to give up the battle against the big corporations. As a guestroom attendant in 1989, Mrs. Argüello-Kline stood outside of the Fitzgerald's Hotel (now The D Hotel & Casino) picketing daily for 6 months. That was only the beginning of many more similar scenarios to help workers stand up for their rights and benefits.

In 1990, Mrs. Argüello-Kline joined the Culinary Workers Union Local 226. Mrs. Argüello-Kline went from being an organizer in the 1990s, then director of campaigns, trainer, and many other responsibilities, until becoming the union's Secretary-Treasurer. Over the years, Mrs. Argüello-Kline's call to action remained the same and the voices only grew. An 18,000-membership expanded to 60,000 members under her leadership. The casino industry, at that point, had to hear them out. The culinary workers were not alone. Bartenders and housekeepers also demanded dignity in the workplace, medical benefits, retirement security and more.

One of the many successes Mrs. Argüello-Kline led early on was the longest walkout in

the history of the U.S. labor movement: the Frontier strike in 1991, where the Culinary Workers' pension fund was in jeopardy. After more than six years of picketing, their pension fund was restored.

Mrs. Argüello-Kline has been a tremendous leader and a champion for workers in Nevada. We often saw her in the red t-shirt reminding folks of the power of each worker and the right to stand up for better working conditions. She retires after 32 years devoted to the Culinary Union and close to 40 years as a member. She is a hero in the labor community. I wish Geoconda Argüello-Kline a great retirement. We honor her arduous work and contributions to the Silver State.

RECOGNIZING THE VARINA HIGH SCHOOL BLUE DEVILS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the Varina Blue Devils football team for winning the Class 4 state championship title.

This title run was particularly exciting, as it resulted in Varina High School's first ever football state championship. Their victory was made even more special by the fact that the last time the Blue Devils made the championship finals in 1999, their Head Coach Marcus Lewis was on the team.

The Blue Devils' win was not earned just on the day of the game but was built on months of hard work. After a season of close victories that toughened their resolve and showed their fighting spirit, these young men closed out the championship game in style. When a last-minute interception sealed the win for Varina, the Blue Devils earned their place in our Commonwealth's history. I am certain that these young men and their championship achievement will be remembered in the Henrico community for years to come.

On behalf of Virginia's Fourth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Principal Darin Thompson, Coach Marcus Lewis, and the Varina High School Blue Devils football team for their inspiring championship season.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF POINT OF VIEW

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize national talk radio program, Point of View, as they celebrate 50 years of media ministry committed to providing listeners with biblical clarity and truth.

Since launching in 1972, under talk radio pioneer, Marlin Maddoux, Point of View has offered listeners authentic insight on a full spectrum of subject matter and current events affecting our nation's families, constitutional freedoms, and faith. In recognition of his efforts, Maddoux received the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) Award of Merit and was